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R. F. & P. R. R. YELDS TO DEMAND

Directors to Vote Scrip Dividend of 50 Per Cent on Stock, Etc

AN OLD CONTENTION

Income of State Sinking Fund, It is Announced, Will be Enlarged From $52,641 to $78,962.

Richmond, Dec. 17.—By unanimous vote, the board of directors of the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad Company, in session in New York yesterday approved the request of the stockholders' committee, to which Governor Henry C. Stuart, is chairman, that there shall be issued a scrip dividend of 50 per cent. on the stock and dividend obligations of the company.

In effect, this means that the stockholders of the railroad, including the State of Virginia, will, provided the present dividend policy of paying 9 per cent. per annum is maintained, receive an increase of 50 per cent. in income from this source, since dividends will be paid on the forthcoming scrip issue. In other words, a holder of $1,000 worth of stock, who has been receiving $90 per year in dividends, should in future receive $135 per year.

Governor Stuart wired last night from New York that the action taken by the board of directors was entirely satisfactory to himself and to Second Auditor Rosewell Page, president of the State Board of Sinking Fund Commissioners, who accompanied the Governor to New York.

The board directed the president and general counsel of the company, William H. White and Eppa Hunton, jr., to take such steps as may legally be necessary to give effect to the new departure, which is effective after January 3, 1916.

It is understood that the meeting was most harmonious. The request for the issue of dividend obligations was presented by Governor Stuart, as chairman of the stockholders' committee, representing, with Second Auditor Page, the interest of the State in the railroad. It was based on the excellent financial condition of the road, which is one of the best producers in the country of cash income. It was believed by the stockholders that the treasury of the corporation would easily bear the payment of additional dividends, and it was agreed that this payment had best take the form of a scrip dividend, which will be paid in dividend obligations like those now outstanding upon the capital stock of the road. The 50 per cent of dividend obligations will not be upon the stock alone, but will amount to 50 per cent of the stock plus 50 per cent of dividend obligations issued in previous years.

The Commonwealth of Virginia owns approximately 28 per cent of the stock of the Richmsond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad, acquired two generations ago, when the road was emerging from its original status of a stage line and becoming a rail thoroughfare between Richmond and Washington. When the State assisted in putting the enterprise on its feet, none could foresee the time when it would be perhaps the most densely traveled and profitable piece of railroad in the United States.

As a result of yesterday's action, the sinking fund will profit to the extent of approximately $26,000 annually. By law, the dividends on the stock of the railroad go to the fund which has been founded to liquidate some day the public debt, and this fund is used regularly in buying in Virgina bonds and retring them. However, interest is still paid on these bonds into the sinking fund, so that the effect is cumulative, and more bonds can be purchased each year. The annual cost for interest, not yet being reduced, but the movement toward final payment and extinguishment of the debt is thus accelerated.

The State owns 2,752 shares of common stock, with a present market value of about $275,000, and dividend obligations worth about $310,000 more, making the value of the holdings approximately $585,000. The dividend of 9 per cent which the State has been realizing in recent years amounts to $52,641, which, it is expected, will hereafter be increased to $78,962.

The stockholders' committee attending the meeting of the directors yesterday, at 71 Broadway, New York was composed of Governor Stuart, and Second Auditor Page, representing the State; Egbert G. Leigh, jr., Edmund Strudwick, Edwin A. Palmer, James A. Moncure and Langbourne M. Williams. The committee has been organized several months, and has held numerous conferences.

TRUNK MYSTERY

Body Identified as That of Philadelphia Leather Manufacturer

Philadelphia, Dec. 17—The victim of the mysterious Frankford trunk murder was identified yesterday as Daniel J. McNichol, a leather manufacturer of 866 North Twenty-second street. He disappeared on March 30, 1914, after marrying Elizabeth Jennings, the daughter of a wealthy Philadelphia coal merchant. McNichol was closely related to one of the leading local Republican bosses.

Identification was made by the wife of the victim.

After the identification Edward F. Keller, 47 years old, was placed under arrest. Keller was formerly employed by the dead man as a foreman in his leather shop. The police say he was the last person who saw McNichol before his disappearance.

Keller declared his innocence. He doubted that the body uncovered by laborers in a trunk under the cellar floor at 4062 Kensington avenue was that of McNichol. He did admit, though, that a small notebook found in the clothing was one McNichol had once owned.

Any doubt as to the identification was removed when Joseph Sufton, a merchant, identified a typewritten letter found in the pocket of the victim as one he had written McNichol.

The police forecast another arrest. This, it is said, will be a woman. Capt. Cameron, chief of detectives, refused however, to admit that jealousy was the motive for the crime.

Suspicion was directed to Keller after it was discovered that when Mc Nichol disappeared Keller visited Mrs. McNichol and informed her that her husband was in New York and wished her to have the police stop their search for him.

CHEAPER FOOD FOR GERMANS

Reichstag Committee Takes Action on That Line.

Berlin, Dec. 17.—The Budget committee of the Reichstag has adopted various resolutions looking to the regulation and cheapening of food supplies. These resolutions include a reduction in the maximum price of sugar and byproducts, the fixing of maximum prices for rice and vegetables of all kinds, as well as foodstuffs for livestock and providing for special allowances of grain to breeders of animals and poultry.

The budget committee also has also adopted a resolution recommending the reduction of the age limit for old-age pensions from 70 years to 65 years. Another resolution, increasing the war allowances of the families of soldiers and the pay of privates, was referred for further action.

The committee also discussed a proposal to reduce the war salaries of the higher officers in order to secure funds for increasing the privates' pay. The Socialists finally offered a resolution demanding a thorough revision of all military salaries.

The war minister opposed such changes, as did also Dr. Helferich, the secretary of the imperia ltreasury, who remarked that savings thus made would be insignificant.

ITALIAN LINER SUNK.

London, Dec. 17.—The Italian liner Porto Said has been sunk by a submarine.

The Porto Said was owned by the Italian Maritime Society, of Genoa, at which port she was registered. She was built in 1884 and displaced 5,301 tons. Presumably she was sunk in the Mediterranean.

Oysters in all Styles at the Rammel Cafe.

AUSTRIA SENDS REPLY TO NOTE

Experts at Work Decoding Document Which is 1000 Words Long

30 HOURS IN COMING

United States, According to High Officials, Will Not Yield One Bit in its Demands

Washington, Dec. 17—Austria's reply to the American Ancona note was laid before the Cabinet today.

That it failed in every way to meet the demands of the United States; that it was evaise and totally unsatisfactory; and that it appears to reflect a total indifference to the reminder in the American note that "the good relations between the two countries must rest upon a common regard for the principles of humanity," were the conclusions forced upon the President and his advisers.

Washington, Dec. 17.—The Austro-Hungarian government's reply to the American note on the Ancona reached the State Department early today. Experts of the department were immediately set to work decoding the reply, which is about 1,000 words long.

It will be placed before President Wilson and Secretary of State Lansing as soon as the work of decoding is completed, and will be considered at today's meeting of the Cabinet.

The note required about thirty hours in transmission. It was delivered to Ambassador Penfield at noon Wednesday. The work of translating and coding the message required about six hours and it was on the wires at 6 o'clock Wednesday night.

State Department officials remained in the building until after 11 o'clock last night waiting the arrival of the note. It was shortly after midnight when it began to arrive. Code experts of the department immediately were notified and began their work.

Officials have not decided when the Austrian reply will be made public. This probably will be decided at the Cabinet meeting.

High officials insist the United States will not yield one whit, unless Austria produces evidence overwhelmingly contradicting that now possessed here and also contradicting its own previous admiralty statement. Neither, it is averred, will the State Department consent to enter upon a long interchange of notes.

It was admitted by officials of the department that the unofficial text of the reply as conveyed in press dispatches from Europe, is wholly unsatisfactory. The position taken by Austria is directly at variance with the position she was expected to take, as outlined in information received during the past few days by officials of this government.

The best opinion obtainable in official circles regarding the status of the relations of the United States and Austria is that a break is nearer now than before, but is not necessarily imminent. This opinion is influenced to a considerable extent by the contents of a long message received from Ambassador Penfield at Vienna. It was the only official communication on the Austrian situation which has come to the department for some time, and is regarded as of the highest importance, because it indicates the basis on which Austria asks for further negotiations.

Ambassador Penfield said, in substance:

"The manner of the United States in presenting its case was distasteful to the Austrian foreign office."

Austria has two principal lines of argument—first, that she, is entitled as an independent nation, to a clear statement of the views of the State Department on submarine warfare, wholly apart from any expression of view given any other government—meaning Germany—and second, that the United States should have accompanied its conclusions with the evidence on which they were based.

Austria intimates she has evidence which will throw a different light on the case.

The purpose of Austria's request for the evidence, in the opinion of officials here, is to force the United States, if possible, to reveal whether its conclusions were based in part on information from Great Britain and private statements to Ambassador Page by the Italian Foreign Office.

The suggestion by Ambassador Penfield that Austria has evidence of value is regarded as the most important feature of his message. Officials indicate that if this is true the United States will discuss the evidence with Austria, but at the same time will make it plain to her that there must be no protracted discussion.

As to the position taken by Austria that she is entitled to a specific statement from the government reciting categorically just how her submarine commander violated international laws, officials insist that Austria already has been fully notified of the views of the United States in its notes to Germany.

LOCAL BREVITIES

The Junior Auxiliary of Grace Church will have a cake sale Saturday morning in the Market House.

The Alexandria Gun Club will hold its first handicap tournament on its grounds on Duke street extended tomorrow at 2:15 o'clock.

The Young People's Missionary Society of Del Ray M. E. Church will hold a cake sale at the City Market, Alexandria, tomorrow morning from 7:30 until 11 a. m.

The funeral of W. T. Estes, 70 years old, who died Wednesday at the Alexandria Hospital took place this afternoon from Wheatley's undertaking establishment.

Funeral services for Michael Sullivan who died at Culpepper, Va., were held yesterday from St. Mary's Catholic Church, the Rev. Louis Smet pastor, officiating. Interment was in St. Mary's Cemetery.

The Alexandria Assembly will tonight at Elks' Hall give the third of their series of dances, of the season of 1915-1916. The Alexandria Berman Club will be the guests of of the Alexandria Assembly tonight.

Eight classes for bible study have been organized in Alexandria and suburbs in the past few days by the Rev. Josef W. Hall, pastor of the Seventh day Adventist church here. The classes meet weekly in homes throughout the city.

Mrs. Keith Carlin and little son, are visiting Mrs. Carlin's sister, Mrs James D. Hunter, of Ashland, Va., and will spend the Christmas holidays with her. Later she will be joined by her husband. Mrs. Carlin will also attend the marriage of her sister, Miss Virginia Potts, December 29.

SHOOTS GIRL AT PARTY.

Federalsburg, Md., Dec. 17.— A social gathering that came near ending in a tragedy occured Wednesday, at the home of Peter Wright, near here, when Miss Alice Satterfield, the 15 year old daughter of E. Satterfield, was accidentally shot by Kemp Wright, son of Peter Wright. Miss Satterfield, accompanied by Miss Edith McMahon, went to the Wright home to make a social call, and while a company of young people were making merry, young Wright playfully took what was supposed to be an old, wornout revolver from a machine drawer, and pointing it at young folks, snapped the trigger. There was a loud report and a scream from Miss Satterfield. The ball struck her in the right shoulder, plowed its way through the fleshy part of her breast and came out her left side.

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BERLIN IS OPTIMISTIC

Believes Austria Will Meet Demands of the United States

FEAR HOME PROTESTS

Vienna Papers Refrain From Criticism and Say Country is Willing To Listen to America

Berlin, Dec. 17.—Berlin does not expect a diplomatic break between Austria and the United States as a result of Austria's failure to comply with American demands in her reply to the Ancona note.

Austria is willing to make important concessions to prevent such a break, according to information received here. Another exchange of notes probably will clear the whole situation.

The position taken by the Austrian foreign office in its reply not only is heartily approved here, but is exactly the attitude Austria was expected to take. It is pointed out by officials today that to have complied meekly with the American demands at once would have cost Austria much in prestige and would have brought down popular denunciation upon the Austrian government.

"Austria having maintained her position in a dignified manner in her reply can now gracefully yield to America in a subsequent note," said one German official.

"To have bowed down to Washington in the reply it has just delivered would have raised a storm of protest in Anstria. There is every reason for believing that the Austro-American controversy will be solved just as the trouble over the Lusitania was settled.

The Vienna press, apparently at the suggestion of the government, is refraining from sounding defiance in editorials on the Ancona affair. Some newspapers declare that Austria has no desire for any but friendly relations with America and assert that Austria is willing to accept the American viewpoint if Washington can subm the proper proofs.

These comments are taken as further indication that the Austrian government does not intend to force a break.

POISONOUS GAS BOMBS.

Caused Panic Among Poor People in Venice.

Venice, Dec. 17.—The use of asphyxiating gas in the bombs dropped on Venice has added a new terror to these aerial raids. These asphyxiating bombs have been used in the trenches, but not until the air raid of November 18, was the deadly gas used in bombs, dropped on cities, so far as is known.

The air raid on the 18th, was not made known at the time, even Rome and other cities not knowing that it had occurred, as the military authorities threw a rigid cordon of silence around the cty. It was not a serious raid, in people injured or damage done, but is chief importance was in bringing for the first time the shower of asphyxiating bombs.

The raid occurred near the arsenal, which is the chief point of attack for these raids. None of the bombs fell inside the arsenal grounds. But outside there is an extensive quarter occupied by the poorer people, with narrow streets and low houses. It was in this section that the bombs fell, spreading the effect of their fumes among the civilian population. Only one death occurred, but a great umber of the poor people suffered from the paralyzing effect of the gases.

The effect of the gas is described as singularly lasting upon the organs affected and on the vitality of the people stricken. Some of the patients remain in a semi-conscious state for four and five days, the face taking on a greenish paller. The recovery is very slow after this the gases appearing to carry a poison to the whole system.

CONDITIONS AT SALONIKI.

Allies Will Not Quit Until Peace Shall Have Been Established.

Saloniki, Greece, Dec. 17.—"You may take this as final: The allies will not quit Saloniki until European peace is signed," said an officer of the allies to the Associated Press correspondent today.

Outgoing ships are crowded with foreigners, particularly Germans and Austrians, and the inhabitants of Saloniki are leaving the city in fear of a siege. The British consul is advising civilian British subjects, especaliy women, to take their departure.

London, Dec. 17.—The next move in the Balkan theater of war occupies the attention of the Athens and Saloniki correspondents of the British press.

There are 200,000 entente troops at Saloniki, according to the Daily Mail, whose Saloniki correspondent says the retreat of the entente allies was so brilliantly carried out that the large forces of Bulgarians were unable at any point to overtake and defeat them.

According to the correspondents of the Times and the Morning Post, the entente forces will halt on the line from Karasuli, in northern Greece, on the Vardar River, to Kilindir, Greece, which they will try to hold until the Saloniki positions are fortified. This line already is fortified and there is a strong British force, made up mostly of cavalry, to the north and northeast of Kilindir, on the Doiran railway.

Paris, Dec. 17.—According to information from a reliable source, says the correspondent at Saloniki of the Havas News Agency, 60,000 Germans are now at Gievgeli. Other German troops are reported to be descending the Valadovo-Doiran road toward the Greek frontier.

The railroad station at Doiran, the correspondent says, has been occupied by Greek troops.

EGYPT MENACED.

300,000 Ottoman Troops Now Concentrated in Land of Pharaohs.

Rome, Dec. 17.—The Turko-German threat against Egypt is becoming more grave daily, in the belief of military men here.

The construction of a railway line from Damascus to the Egyptian frontier has been pushed with extrordinary speed, it is stated, and it is expected that it will be finished by the first of February, there being only 50 miles more of track to lay before the Sinai peninsula is reached. The railway, which has double track is considered by military men to permit of a concentration of 500,000 men in one month, together with the necessary supplies and ammunition at the Egyptian frontier.

About 300,000 Ottoman troops, commanded and drilled by German officers, already have been concentrated between Alessandretta, Aleppo and Hams, it is stated. Army engineers are laying miles of tubes for carrying drinking water across the desert and also are providing material for the construction of bridges with which to cross the Suez Canal.

Turko-German emissaries are said to be urging the Senousi to attack Egypt from the west, while an attempt also is being made to induce the Abyssinians to march into Sudan. German officers are reported to be acting as propagandists, organizers and military instructors. The Rome newspapers ask if, after the lesson of the Balkans the entente powers are going to allow themselves to be taken by surprise in Egypt.

Paris, Dec. 17.—The Excelsior says the foreign affairs committee of the chamber of deputies is considering a proposal made b Gratien Candace, a colored deputy from Guadaloupe that France, in conjunction with her allies, immediately consider means of obtaining the military cooperation of Abyssinia under a guarantee of her independence.

This would be a counter stroke, M. Canadace believes, to German efforts to incite native chiefs in the regions adjoining the Sudan to march on Khartum and to stir up the Mussulman population against southern Egypt.

NOTICE.

To the public.—I wish to state that the Martha and Robert Jackson, recently referred to in the Gazette, are not the ones living at 118 south Peyton, street.

Robert T. Jackson. 17-1t.

TAX OFFICERS AFTER WILLARD

Ambassador to Spain Reported as Delinquent to State in Large Sum

CLAIMS FOR OFFSET

Will Apply to Circuit Court of Fairfax for Correction of Report of Examiner of Records.

Joseph E. Willard, ambassador to Spain, according to a report filed in the office of the State Auditor, is indebted to the Commonwealth and the county of Fairfax for taxes on omitted intangible property of various descriptions aggregating $1,713,500 in value. The report is that of Examiner of Records W. N. Lipscomb of Prince William.

According to counsel for Ambassador Willard the report of the examiner is inaccurate in that it includes values not taxable. It is claimed that the examiner has listed loans made by Colonel Willard to finance the Richmond and Rappahannock Railway, now in operation to the Pamunkey River.

It was reported yesterday at the office of the Auditor that counsel for Colonel Willard will make application to-morrow to Judge J B T Thornton in the Circuit Court of Fairfax for a correction of the examiner's report, preliminary to making a settlement of the taxes due.

The report filed by Mr. Lipscomb shows that Colonel Willard failed to make a return of $15,000 cash in bank to his credit for the years 1906 1907, 1908, 1912, and 1914. Further it shows that for the years 1910 to 1914 Colonel Willard failed to make returns on bonds standing in his name to the amount of $307,700 making a total value in the five years to this time of $1, 538,500. To this is added the $15,000 cash for five years, $75, 000, making a grand total of $1,713,-500 subject to taxation.

Colonel Willard has been living in Spain for some years, leaving his estate here to his agents and legal advisers to look after, and it is not known that he has been advised to this time of the claim made by the Examiner of Records against the estate for back taxes due.

No statement showing the extent of the offsets claimed by Colonel Willard's representatives has been made to this time, but it will be probably submitted to the Circuit Court of Fairfax tomorrow.

LICENSE PROCURED

Episcopal Minister Will Unite President Wilson and Mrs. Galt.

Written with a specially prepared gold pen and bearing the only red seal of the District of Columbia that has been placed on such a document in the memory of the clerks in the District Supreme Court, the license authorizing the marriage of President Woodrow Wilson and Mrs. Edith Bolling Galt was issued yesterday, and taken from the courthouse to the White House on a street car. It disclosed for the first time that the ceremony Saturday night will be performed by a clergyman of Mrs. Galt's faith, the Rev. Herbert Scott Smith, rector of St. Margaret's Episcopal Church. The President himself is a Presbyterian, and an elder in his church.

NOTICE

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the District of Columbia Paper Mfg. Co., will be held at the principal office of the Company, No. 111 S. Fairfax Street, Alexandria, Virginia, from 12:00 o'clock M., to 1 p. m. on Monday, January 17th, to elect officers for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

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BIBLE CLASS BANQUET

Interesting Address by General Secretary of the Washington Y. M. C. A.

The organized Young Men's Bible Class of the Second Presbyterian Sunday school, known as Westminster Club, held one of their periodical banquets last night in the Westminster Building.

After the supper, furnished by a group of young ladies of the church and young ladies of the Sunday school, a spirited debate took place, between members of the class, on the "Program of Preparedness of the Present Administration"— on the affirmative by the teacher of the class, F. L. Slaymaker and the president, John P. Scott, and on the negative by Kenneth N. Mount and the secretary of the class, E. C. Gibbs. The affirmative won the decision.

After the debate the feature number of the evening was a forceful address by William Knowls Cooper, general secretary of the Washington Young Men's Christian Association.

The class decided to join in a body the Laymen's League, recently organized.

FRATERNAL AMERICANS

Alexandria Council Elects Officers at Meeting Last Night

A large attended and enthusiastic meeting of Alexandria Council, No. , Order Fraternal Americans, was held last evening in I. O. O. F. Hall Considerable business of a routine nature was transacted. The semi-annual election of officers was held with the following result:

Past president, Maurice McKenny.
President, H. Mudd.
Vice-president, J. H. Mansfield.
Recording secretary, J. R. Mansfield.
Assistant secretary, F. S. Lucas.
Financial secretary, R. W. Ebhardt.
Treasurer, O. H. Daniels.
Marshal, W. J.Garrett.
Warden, James Lloyd.
Inner guard, G. R. Smith.
Outer guard, W. D. Zimmerman.
Chaplain, L. D. Lyles.
Trustee, J. H. Trimyer.
Representative to grand council, F. C. Glasgow.
Alternate representative to grand council, R. J. Ayers.
Captain degree team, G. W. Pettit.

These officers will be installed on January 6, 1916, by Deputy State President, F. C. Glasgow.

INVESTIGATING WRECK

Passenger Train and Freight Collide on Southern Railway Yesterday

Officials of the Southern Railway are investigating here today the wreck which occurred near Gilbert, Va., yesterday morning in which two Alexandrians, Engineer R. W. Goldsworthy and Fireman G. W. Scott, were injured. Both men jumped from their engine and were bruised and shaken up. They are not seriously hurt. The accident occurred at mile post 106 when No. 16, a local passenger train from Charlottesville to Washington, and No. 71, a freight collided. A number of cars were derailed.

PRINCE WILLIAM ROAD

Alexandrians Will Co-Operate With Washingtonians to Improve 12 Mile Stretch

The need of completing the Washington-Richmond automobile route by improving a twelve mile stretch of bad road in Prince William county was brought to the attention of the Alexandria Automobile Club when met last night and the following committee was appointed to co-operate with a committee of Washington business men to raise funds for the work: C. C. Lamond, Harry D. Kirk, A. B. Brockett, George Washington Lewis and J. Russell Bolton.

The club decided to give a banquet on Wednesday night, January 26th and to invite a number of distinguished guests to be present. Harry Hammond, W. A. Moore, Jr., Jack Risdon, were appointed a committee to make arrangements. The annual dues were raised to $5.

It was decided to offer to the board of police assistance in preparing a set of traffic ordinances to be incorporated in the new police rules. W. H. Hellmuth, president of the club presided last night.

G. Washington Lewis was appointed a committee of one to ask the cooperation of other automobile clubs in the State in appointing a similar committee of one for the purpose of suggesting changes and amendments in the present automobile law of the State, at the next session of the legislature. Secretary Lewis was instructed to write to Hon. C. C. Carlin, Hon. Thos. S. Martin and Hon. Claude O. Swanson, regarding a request on behalf of the Alexandria Automobile Club against the imposition by Congress of any tax on gasoline and motor cars.

The Club went on record as favoring a set of proposed traffic laws for this city to be suggested to the police Commissioners and Messrs. G. Washington Lewis, Harry Hammond, H. D. Kirk and W. A. Moore, Jr., were appointed a committee to draft a proposed form of traffic laws and submit same to the Police Commissioners for their approval and adoption.

A letter was read on behalf of Parent Teachers' Association urging the erection of danger signs near several of the schools in this city. This matter was referred to the Club's committee appointed some time ago to urge City Council to mark the various streets in this city.

The next meeting of the Club will be the annual meeting with the election of officers and the same will be held on the third Thursday in January of next year.

TREE AND FESTIVAL

Seminole Tribe of Red Men Will Make Glad Hearts of Little Ones

Seminole Tribe, No. 35. Improved Order of Red men, has completed arrangements for its Christmas tree and festival to be given to the poor children of Alexandria on December 30th. The affair will be held in the Young People's building and 250 invitations will be sent out. The committee in charge is composed of W. S. Nicklin, chairman, Worth Stanton H. H. Newton, C. C. Brawner, R. C. Sullivan and A. J. Butcher

NEW AUTO FIRE ENGINE

Will Be Received From American-La France Company Shortly After New Year's

Alexandria new automobile fire engine will be received here shortly after the first of the year according to advices received from the American La France engine company, the manufacturers, and it is nearing completion in the company's plant. It is being built especially for Alexandria department and will have the very latest appliances. Its cost will be $8,000.

The engine will be used in the surburban districts recently annexed to the city of Alexandria and it is the intention of the fire committee of city council to recommend the erection of a new house in the vicinity of the Union Station and a new company will be organized in that locality. Pending the completion of these arrangements the engine will be stationed in the Relief Hook and Ladder Co's house on Prince street.

At the last meeting of city council the fire committee asked authority to employ a driver for the new engine at a salary of $840 per annum.

The new automobile for Chief R. E. Gronau has arrived in Washington and is now receiving a new red dress and appropriate lettering preparatory to being delivered in Alexandria in a short time.

MAY SEIZE FOODS IN MAIL

British Envoy Communicates With London, Where "Effective" Steps Are Taken

London, Dec. 17—"Considerable quantities of food are being sent to Germany by parcel post from America and we are in communication with our Ambassador at Washington on the subject," Lord Robert Cecil, parliamentary undersecretary for foreign affairs, informed the house of commons today, in reply to certain questions.

The undersecretary added that other steps had been taken to deal with the matter effectively. Asked if special instructions had been given to the British navy, Lord Robert Cecil said that it would not be convenient to specify what instructions had been given to the navy.

Washington, Dec. 17—The citizens' committee for food shipment to Germany and Austria announced in New York last week it had delivered to the United States post-office its first package of food, consisting of condensed milk, lard and rice, to be shipped at first class mail. These parcels, the committee said, were for starving children in Germany.

Recent dispatches from Berlin said the parcel post service from Germany to America had been suspended, owing to British interference, but that the British had not seized packages from the United States to Germany.

Americans arriving at El Paso, Texas, from Columbus, N. Mex., brought word from the interior that Gen. Villa has ordered his forces south of Columbus and Hachita to burn at the stake all Americans who refuse to pay a ranson for their safety.

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CHRISTMAS DRAWS NEAR.

By this time next Friday the final preparations for the observance of Christmas, the greatest of all feasts, will have been made, and the younger generation will fall to sleep to dream of the joys of the morrow.

At this season, while those in positions to gratify their tastes are preparing to make the holiday season joyous, many reminders of the less fortunate are in evidence. Alexandria generally responds in a substantial manner, and baskets and other tokens of thoughtfulness will be distributed as usual this year, in order that, as far as possible, the great mass may enter into the joy of the occasion.

Many references are made during Christmas season to scenes at Bethlehem in the "days of Herod the king," when the infant Prince of Peace was lying in a manger. Other interesting scenes have also been witnessed in the "City of David" long before the Christian era.

The Christian Herald recently spoke of the Book of Ruth as the greatest pastoral idyl in literature. It is founded on loving kindness, the loving kindness of the Moabites revealed to her family, and the loving kindness of Boaz, the wealthy Israelite, to Ruth, his kins-woman. It also contains the germ of that great heartedness which is the centre of the gospel of Christian love.

It is a book that opens with tears and famine, and ends with the sound of wedding bells. The story turns upon the straightforwardness of Boaz, who showed kindness and manliness to Ruth, a member of a nation that was Israel's foe, and in that kindness founded a new house, the house of Jesse and David, the royal line that begat the Prince of Peace, whose birth we will soon be celebrating. It was the first mingling of the blood of the Jew and Gentile, symbolic of the cosmopolitan width of the Christian religion. It was the first that that religion was not to be founded upon wealth or upon social caste, but upon the large, wholesome love of the human heart.

Boaz is immortal among Bible heroes for his kindness, his plain, everyday generosity, his sense of protection and care for the lonely, unprotected Moabitish girl, his dead kinsman's wife, who in her poverty gleaned in his harvest field after the gleaners. Boaz gave orders to his gleaners that they should allow her to glean even among the sheaves of barley, and his large-heartedness. He gained a wife and, more than that, made a place for himself in that immortal company who are renowned for naught but for being kind.

This beautiful story is a hint at the present time. There have ever been gleaners in the world. Many of such merely get the crumbs which fall from tables. Boaz gave orders that Ruth be allowed to follow the gleaners closely and that some of the grain be dropped for her benefit.

OUR RELATIONS WITH AUSTRIA.

A few days ago it was supposed the cloud which had been formed by the dispatch of the United States of note to Austria demanding a disavowal of the sinking of the steamer Ancona, indemnity for loss of American lives and the dismissal of the captain of the submarine who brought about these strained relations, would be answered satisfactorily by the government of Francis Joseph and the cloud dissipated. But it has gathered again, and Washington officials are pessimistic as to Austria's reply.

The great mass of the people of the country are unaware of the fact that the United States is again facing a crisis as it has several times during the prevalence of the war in Europe. Should Austria attempt to ignore the claims of the United States what will be the result? This is a pertinent question.

As suggested by the Danville Register, at worst, a severance of diplomatic relations would ensue. Whether such a severance of relations with Austria-Hungary would affect the amicable relations between Germany and the United States is a matter which would depend upon the attitude which Germany assumed toward its ally in this crisis. If Germany really desired a break with the United States it might easily accept this situation as an available pretext for bringing about an estrangement. We cannot bring ourselves to believe that Germany desires to bring about a severance of amicable relations with the United States for if she did, she has had ample opportunity in the several crisis provoked by the acts of German submarines. True, since that time this country has asked the recall of two German embassy attaches and these have been recalled by the emperor and will be provided with passports by this government.

Even in the event of open rupture amounting to war with Austria, it may be assumed that hostilities would be merely nominally existent, since Austria has no navy which could attack the United States navy. Its submarines might attempt to harass our commerce in the Mediterranean, but further than that little damage could be inflicted upon this country. It might be necessary for this country to dispatch a fleet to the Mediterranean, but there is no Austrian shipping to attack, unless our naval forces were directed to hunt down Austrian undersea craft.

We have safely passed quite as serious crises with Germany, and we have no reason to anticipate that Austria-Hungary will seek to make this lawless and unauthorized incident a pretext for seeking to add another foe to its already formidable list. Nor can we conceive of any sound reason why the Vienna government should seek to defend its submarine commander's blunder, further than to excuse it as having been committed under a misapprehension as to the nationality of the Ancona. Such an explanation, with removal of the officer from his command and the agreement to indemnify the heirs or the victims of injuries would fully comply with the demands of this country. At most, a severance of diplomatic relations is the worst eventuation of the present situation to be anticipated.

THE COW AND THE GRINDSTONE

There is a story of a woman who was unduly prompt in fastening the blame for everything on her husband Finally, he determined in the bitterness of his soul to play a trick on her, and he hurried into the house with great anxiety depicted on his countenance and exclaimed: "Wife, what do you think? The cow has eaten up the grindstone!" She hardly waited for him to utter the last word, and never paused an instant to take in his meaning, and retorted: "I told you so, You always would leave it outdoors."

The Philadelphia Inquirer brings to mind that precipitate woman. There is a deficiency in the revenue, and without pausing to reflect, or even to read the details, the Inquirer screams: "Of course there is! You Democrats always were opposed to duties on imports!"

The Philadelphia Record in reproducing the story of the cow and the grindstone says that the Republicans depended for national revenue entirely on the internal revenue duties chiefly beer, whiskey and tobacco, and the customs collections. The former have been very heavily hit by the spread of prohibition and by the depression of business last year, which drove a great many men back from cigars to the pipe. The latter have been reduced very heavily by the decrease in importations resulting from the war. In the first nine months of this year the value of imports was $108,000,000 less than last year. The Democrats did reduce the rates of duty, to which extent they reduced the cost of living. But the decrease of revenue is due, about one third to the reduction of duties and two-thirds to the war's interruption of our import business.

Thus, the heavy losses of revenue have been in the two varieties of revenue upon which the Republicans relied almost entirely. The Democrats, however, relied less on these and more on the income tax. The personal income tax yielded $41,000,000 an increase of about $13,000,000, over the previous year. Obviously the Treasury fared much better than it could have fared under Republican finance, because the distinctively Democratic tax yielded more than the year before, while the ordinary internal revenue taxes and the customs taxes yielded a great deal less.

It was a lucky thing that when the European war broke a Democratic Administration was in power. The national revenues suffered much less than they would have suffered under a Republican Administration. Of course, the supplementary revenue law has to be extended. It was enacted early in the war to make good the deficiency in customs collections resulting from the war. In the first nine months of the Underwood tariff there was a surplus revenue sufficient to pay the bills of the Panama Canal. It was after the European war began that our revenues became insufficient. The national revenues under Democratic legislation were much less affected by the war than Republican national revenues would have been, but the supplemental revenue law will have to last while the war does.

NEWS OF THE DAY

More than 18,000 Austrian prisoners under Serbian escort have arrived at Tirana and Elbassan, Albania.

The House, by a vote of 205 to 189 yesterday passed the resolution continuing for one year the emergency war tax law.

Retreat of the allies from Serbia has it is said, killed all prospects that Roumania will enter the war against the Austro-Germans.

Flagrant operations of pickpockets working in stores of Washington were recorded by police yesterday, Thirteen women were robbed while shopping. A total of $167 was stolen.

Gen. Townshend reports from Kut-el-amara that, according to Arab reports, the Turks lost 2,000 men killed in their attack against the British positions on the evening of December 12.

The Driggs-Seabury Ordnance Company of Sharon, Pa., it was announced yesterday has closed a contract with the British Government for 10,000 aeroplane guns. Another contract has been closed for 500 cannon and a large number of six-inch high explosive shells.

With a shotgun by his side and his face and head torn by a charge of shot, Joseph L. Gibson, aged 80 years, one of the wealthiest men of Middletown, Del., was found dead in his home last night, and the cornor was informed that he had committed suicide. Gibson's wife died one year ago.

The stock of gold held by the Bank of France has reached a total of 5,000,000,000 francs ($1,000,000,000) a world's record. The appeal to the public to turn in its gold brought in 1,300,000,000 francs in 24 weeks. Last week alone more than 60,000,000 francs in gold was exchanged for notes.

Patrolman Charles E. McIntosh was shot through the heart and Ernest Winslow, station agent at West Falmouth, Maine, was clubbed to death in a desperate battle with two yeggmen at Bride's Corner, near Portland, yesterday. The murderers escaped on a hand car after which they fled into the woods.

Jesse R. Seligman, treasurer of the Gloversville, N. Y., Leather Company, formerly an aviator, and nephew of Henry Seligman, of J & W. Seligman & Co., New York bankers, killed himself and his wife at Gloversville, yesterday afternoon. Seligman was 26 years old,. He tried to fly across the Isthmus of Panama in 1911, but he did not succeed.

Comptroller Williams yesterday announced the failure of the First National Bank of Wartrace, Tenn., having a capital of $50,000, surplus of $26,000 and deposits of about $130,000. The bank, said the Comptroller in a formal statement, "failed as a result of the discovery by the National Bank Examiner of forgeries and defalcations for which the cashier of the bank is responsible."

The "administration ticket," represented by a vote of 384 delegates to the convention of National American Woman Suffrage Association, was ...nt yesterday at the nominations held in the Willard, in Washington, to nominate a successor to Dr. Anna Howard Shaw, for many years president of the association, besides other officers, and the choice fell upon Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, president of the International Suffrage alliance.

A dispatch from San Diego, Cal., says Mrs. Lucy Comstock, aged 76, was killed, and Anton Mayerhoffer was injured yesterday when Mrs. Comstock, who was a passenger of Mayerhoffer in an hydro-aeroplane became frightened while they were high in the air and seized Mayerhoffer around the neck, causing him to lose control of the machine which crumpled up and fell into the bay. Mrs Comstock expressed a wish that she be taken at least 1,500 feet in the air "before retiring to a quiet life."

STEAMED OYSTERS AT JACOB BRILL'S, FOOT OF KING STREET.

VIRGINIA NEWS.

Virginia does not tax borrowed capital according to the views of William H. Sands, examiner of records for the Richmond district.

R. F. Waters, aged 26 years, employed as brakeman on the Norfolk and Western Railway, died in the Petersburg Hospital Wednesday afternoon of injuries received in the recent freight wreck near Disputanta.

The boldest jail delivery that has occurred for a long time in Prince George county took place Wednesday night, when five prisoners escaped from the county jail through a hole in the floor of the prison which they had sawed.

Senator John Walter Smith, of Maryland, and Senators Martin and Swanson, of Virginia, yesterday urged General Kingman, chief of the army engineers, to waive the order requiring pound fishermen of the Maryland and Virginia waters to remove their pound poles during the mid-winter season.

At the conclusion of a hotly contested trial which lasted six days, A. E. Fuller, a Bristol manufacturer, yesterday won when the jury said he was not liable for damages for the alleged alienation of the affections of Cleolia Vires, the young wife of L. C. Vires. Vires sued for $10,0000.

The young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. N. Cox, of Pedlar Mills, is in Lynchburg taking the Pasteur treatment. She and two other children were bitten by a mad dog at Pedlar Mills a short time ago, and the head of the dog was sent to Washington where it was examined and announced rabid.

The sixteen-year-old son of Harry Gayle, of Gressitt's, King and Queen county was shot and killed instantly Wednesday. He was about to go hunting, and had his gun resting against the side of the house, when his young sister picked up the gun and handed it to her brother. In passing from one to the other it exploded and killed the young man.

BRIEF

Ack Hale, who was convicted in December 1908, when 20 years old, of the murder of Lillie Davis, a Bristol girl, who was shot to death on a grave in East Hill Cemetery, has escaped from the Tennessee penitentiary by scaling the walls. He is under life sentence. The Hale case was one of the most sensational in the history of this region, Hale had spent the day with Miss Davis and had driven her through the parks in a buggy. He contended that Miss Davis shot herself.

Mrs. Phyllis Langhorne Brooks has been granted a divorce by Judge John W. Fishburne, of the Circuit Court for Albermarle County, from Reginald Brooks, the New York clubman. Early last year Mrs. Brooks entered suit for a separation, which was granted. In her petition Mrs. Brooks recited that the couple were married on November 14, 1901, and alleges that her husband deserted her on September 18, 1912. The present decree changes the separation into an absolute divorce, Mrs. Brooks will receive an allowance for the support of herself and two children.

Citizens of Wytheville, the birthplace and girlhood home of Mrs. Edith Bolling Galt, are sending a handsome wedding gift, to be presented to President Wilson and Mrs. Galt upon their wedding day. The present will consist of handsomely framed miniatures of Judge and Mrs. William H. Bolling, father and mother of the bride. Miss Ellen Douglas Stuart has for some weeks been engaged in painting the portraits. Miss Stuart was the artist selected to paint the miniatures of President Wilson's father and mother, which were presented by the citizens of Staunton, to the President when he spent his birthday in his native town

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$1.50 Flashlights	99c	75c box writing paper	59c	No. 2 Velocipede	$1.89
$2.00 Flashlights	$1.09	$1.00 box writing paper	79c	No. 3 Velocipede	$2.29
$25. Bicycle	$23.98	A aluminum percolater	97c	A $3.50 Willow carriage	$2.89
$27.50 Bicycles	$25			50c Humpty Dumpty	43c
$22.50 Bicycles	$20			$1.00 Humpty Dumpty	89c
$22.50 Wonder Wheel	$18.98	Electric iron	$2.29	$1.50 Humpty Dumpty	$1.29
$1.50 Hamilton Rifle	$1.39	50c Ladies Pocket books	43c	$2.00 Humpty Dumpty	$1.79
$2.50 Steven Rifle	$2.39	$1.00 Ladies pocket books	89c	75c moving picture machine	59c
$10 Winchester Repeater	$8.98	$1.50 Ladies pocket books	$1.29	$1 moving picture machine	79c
A $17 Double barrel gun	$12.98	$2.00 Ladies pocket books	$1.79	$1.50 moving picture machine	$1.09
A $7.50 Single Gun	$5.98	$10.00 toilet set	$8.89	$2 moving picture machine	$1.69
A $1 Safety razor	89c	$13.00 toilet set	$11.89	$3 moving picture machine	$2.39
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Pen knives	25c to $4.	Knives and folks	$1. to $6	Skates Ice	65c to $2.50
Safety razors	89c to $5.	Sissors	10c to $3	Jerseys	$1. to $2.50
Military Brushes	$1. to $5	Mancure set	$2. to $10	Sweaters	$1. to $8.50
Shaving glasses	$1. to $3	Toilet set	$2.50 to $15	Books	19c to $3.50
Card cases	25c to $3	Casseroles	$1.25 to $2.50	Sewing Boxes	10c to $1.25
Pass cases	25c to $3	Brass Ware	25c to $7.50	Music Rolls	25c to $1.50
Pocket books	25c to $5	Pictures	10c to $3.50	School bags	10c to $1.50
Tool sets from	$1. to $15	Books	10c to $3.50	School satchels	10c to $1.
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ALEXANDRIA NATIONAL BANK ALEXANDRIA, VA., December 11, 1915.—The annual meeting of the stockholders of this bank will be held at its banking house on Tuesday, the 11th day of January 1916, between the hours of 11 a. m. and 2 p. m., for the election of directors for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before said meeting.
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REIGN OF TERROR IN GORIZIA

Two Americans Reported to Have Been Executed by Austrians

Milan, Dec. 17—Revelations have been made concerning a reign of terror in Gorizia.

The summary executions of two Americans by the Austrian authorities are reported by a Spanish refugee, Amilcare Panueli, who has arrived in Novarra.

Panueli was ordered out of Gorizia, where he had been a resident 23 years. His belongings were confiscated.

Everything has been taken from the inhabitants. Any one who objected was considered as suspect and court-martialed and shot. Panueli was unable he said, to get the names of the Americans, but they probably soon will be known by the American Ambassador at Vienna.

One of the charges brought against the Americans was that the capital of their bank had been furnished by members of the American banking trust which recently floated the Anglo-French war loan.

VIRGINIA NEWS

While the Senate behind closed doors yesterday was engaged in confirming the nomination of John D. Hayes to be postmaster at Dillwyn, Virginia, a delegation of citizens of Dillwyn filled the corridors of the House of Representatives in front of the office of Representative Hal D. Flood, struggling for the appointment to succeed Mr. Haynes, who died suddenly a few days ago. The Senate confirmed the nomination of the late Mr. Haynes because it had been sent to the Senate pursuant to a recommendation made some time ago, and the news of the death of the nominee had not been communicated to the Senate.

Disappointed in love and broken in health, Miss Lottie Kniceley, 19 years old, daughter of Harrison Kniceley, of Pleasant Valley, committed suicide yesterday at the home of C. A. Ruleman, near Ottobine in the vicinity of Harrisonburg. The young woman tore off the hem of her skirt, made a noose which she tied around her neck, and fastened the end over a door. She then kicked the chair upon which she was standing to one side. An hour later her body was found dangling by the door. About a month ago the young woman left with Frank Clem, of Mount Jackson, for Hagerstown, Md., where they expected to be married. Clem's father, however, telegraphed to the Hagerstown police to stop the couple and prevent the wedding. The elopers were intercepted and sent back home.

Allen Zachary, of Richmond, is no longer a member of the Elks' Club. He was expelled by a vote of the members because he violated rules of the club in bringing a girl under legal age there and having her served with drinks. Later it is alleged he took the girl to a hotel and remained with her during the night. In Police Court Zachary, who is a married man, was fined $100 and given a twelve-months' jail sentence and in addition was fined $50 for buying drinks for the girl at the club. He appealed to the Hustings Court. The manager of the club was also expelled by the board of directors.

TRUSTEE'S SALE
Of Valuable House and Five (5) Acre Lot At Barcroft, Alexandria County, Virginia

By virtue of authority conferred by deed of trust made by B. L. Lampkin and Jessie J. Lampkin, his wife to the undersigned trustee, bearing date the 27th. day of June, 1914, and duly recorded among the Land Records of Alexandria County, Virginia, in Liber No. 143, folio 206, and at the request of the part ythereby se the request o fthe party thereby se the payment of interest secured by the said deed of trust, the undersigned trustee will offer for sale at public auction on TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1915, at 2:00 o'clock p. m., on the premises, the following described property, to wit:

All of lot or section numbered 1, a portion of the tract of land known as William Bishop's Addition to South Barcroft, as the same appears of record in Liber No. 139, at folio 331 et seq., one of the Land Records of Alexandria county, Virginia, to which plat reference is hereby made for a more particular description of the land herein advertised; said lot of land containing five (5) acres, and being the same land which was conveyed by William F. Bishop and Fay C. Bishop, his wife, to the said B. L. Lampkin, by deed bearing date the 23rd day of June, 1914, and duly recorded among the Land Records of Alexandria County, Virginia, in Liber No. 143, folio 206; and the valuable dwelling house situated thereon.

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Toys and Novelties

Our line of toys and novelties is now ready for your inspection. See our line of knives, good steel at very low prices. Knives from 25c to $2.

Electric Flashlights

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Jog to Memory

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THE FIRST NATIOIAL BANK of Alexandria, Va., December 10th, 1915

The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of this bank will be held at the banking house on January 11th, 1916, at 11 a. m. for the election of Directors and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

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RICHARD M. GREEN, Cashier.

NOTICE.

Stockholders Meeting of the American Rutile Company of Virginia.

The annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the American Rutile Co., will be held at the office of the Company, No. 111 south Fairfax street, Alexandria, Virginia, on Monday the 3rd of January, 1916, from 12 o'clock noon to 1 o'clock p. m., for the election of directors, and for the transaction of such other business as can be lawfully considered.

The transfer books will be closed for 10 days prior to the 3rd day of January.

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In the Clerk's Office of the Corporation Court of the City of Alexandria, on the 15th day of December, 1915, Gordon Thomas, in his own right and as devisee under the will of Robert J. Thomas, and as executor thereof, Complainant.

vs

Fanny Dixon, John H. Thomas, Mary Belle Pirtle, John Bashaw, Clairborne Pirtle, Mary Pirtle and Garvin Thomas, Defendants.

The object of this suit is to have the will of Robert J. Thomas, deceased, construed and particularly paragraphs 5 and 6 thereof, and to declare premises Nos. 1400, 1520, and 1522 King Street, Alexandria, Va., to be immediately and now vested in Complainant in fee simple, under terms of said will, and for general relief.

It appearing by an affidavit filed in this cause that the defendants John H. Thomas, Mary Belle Pirtle, John Bashaw, Clairborne Pirtle, Mary pirtle and Garvin Thomas are non-residents of this State: It Is Ordered, That said defendants appear here within fifteen days after due publication of this order, and do what is necessary to protect their interests in this suit, and that a copy of this order be forthwith inserted in the Alexandria Gazette a newspaper published in the City of Alexandria, once a week for four successive weeks, and posted at the front door of the Court House of this city.

NEVELL S. GREENAWAY, Clerk
A Copy Teste:
Robinson Moncure, P. Q.

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